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SUBJECT: U.S.-SPONSORED NATO TOUR FOR SWEDISH JOURNALISTS

REF: (A) WOLCOTT-ENGEL TELECON DEC 6, (B) 76 USNATO 6906  
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1. SUMMARY: POST PROPOSES BRIEFING TOURS OF CERTAIN  
NATO FACILITIES, I.E. AT BRUSSELS, EASTERN BAVARIA OR  
SIMILAR BORDER AREA, AND IN NAPLES AREA, FOR SELECTED  
INFLUENTIAL SWEDISH MILITARY-POLITICAL NEWSWRITERS AND  
COMMENTATORS, AND REQUESTS COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF  
ADDRESSEES IN ARRANGING PROGRAM FOR PERIOD MARCH 27-APRIL 2

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OR ALTERNATIVES. END SUMMARY.

2. CONSIDERING INCREASING AMOUNT OF OFFICIAL  
STATEMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COMMENT FOCUSING  
ON BUILDUP OF SOVIET AND PACT FORCES BUT RELATIVE  
LACK OF SWEDISH MEDIA ATTENTION TO SUBJECT, POST  
CONCLUDES THAT PERSONAL EXPOSURE TO AUTHORITATIVE

SOURCES COUPED WITH OBSERVATIONS OF ACTIVE ELEMENTS OF NATO WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN ESTABLISHING A BASE OF FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE AMONG SELECTED NEWSMEN WHICH COULD LEAD TO ENLIGHTENED MEDIA COVERAGE AND COMMENTARY ON CURRENT BALANCE-OF-FORCES DIALOGUE, AND TO PUBLIC INSIGHTS INTO SWEDEN'S UNIQUE POSITION VIS-A-VIS ALLIANCE AND PACT.

3. ACCORDINGLY, POST REQUESTS THAT ACTION ADDRESSEES ARRANGE A PROGRAM UNDERLINING THREAT ASPECTS AND EXAMINING DEFENSE CAPABILITIES IN NATO, BALANCING CONCISE BRIEFINGS WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS. TIME FOR -- AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF -- QUESTIONS IS ESSENTIAL. ADDRESSEE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FIELD POINTED QUESTIONS. POST WILL ADVISE SPECIFIC NAMES AND BIOS ALL PARTICIPANTS SOONEST ADDRESSEES CONCUR IN MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DATES AND ACTIVITIES. GROUP WILL INCLUDE FOUR INFLUENTIAL NEWSMEN AND COMMENTATORS WITH MEDIA ACCESS TO VIRTUALLY ALL OF SWEDEN, PLUS AN ESCORT OFFICER. POST PREFERS DATES MARCH 27-APRIL 2, BUT IF ALTERNATIVES NECESSARY SUGGEST SECOND CHOICE APRIL 17-23 OR APRIL 24-0.

4. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE URGED TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO PROPOSED PROGRAM BUT ARE INVITED TO SUGGEST ALTERATIONS IMPROVING ON BASIC ITINERARY BELOW, ESPECIALLY RELATIVE TO MOST PRODUCTIVE LOCATIONS AND TIMING FOR FIELD OBSERVATIONS. ARRIVAL-DEPARTURE TIMES CITED BELOW ARE TENTATIVE, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TION OF FLIGHT SCHEDULES AFTER ADDRESSEES' CONCURRENCE IN ITINERARY.

5. FOLLOWING PROGRAM IS PROPOSED:

A. SUNDAY, MARCH 27: DEPART STOCKHOLM, ARRIVE BRUSSELS.

B. MONDAY, MARCH 28: AT NATO BRUSSELS. CONCISE BRIEFINGS ON NATO STRUCTURE, PURPOSES, COMPARATIVE STRENGTHS, POLITICAL AND MILITARY BONDS; NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF THREAT INCLUDING SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO GEOPOLITICAL FACETS IN NORTHERN AREA; ECONOMIC FABRIC OF THE ALLIANCE; ACHIEVEMENTS, DISAPPOINTMENTS, STATUS AND FUTURE IN EAST-WEST NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING CSCE; SCOPE AND ECONOMICS OF DETENTE FROM DEFENSE ANGLE; SOCIAL IMPACT OF BOTH ALLIANCE AND PACT DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENTS. BRIEF INFORMATION ON RANGE OF NON-MILITARY NATO ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS, ESPECIALLY IF ENERGY-RELATED, BUT NOT AT EXPENSE OF MILITARY-POLITICAL BACKGROUND. MEETINGS WITH

SECRETARY-GENERAL LUNS AND AMBASSADOR STRAUZ-HUPE  
WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL FOLLOWING INITIAL BASIC  
BRIEFINGS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW LATTER'S SIGNIFICANT  
ASSOCIATION WITH SWEDEN AND PARTICULARLY IF BREIF  
Q/A POSSIBLE. SUGGEST ALL BRIEFINGS BE INFORMAL BUT  
AUTHORITATIVE, WITH EMPHASIS ON FRANK ASSESSMENTS,  
AND AS LIVELY AS POSSIBLE TO DRAW NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS.

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C. TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 30: DEPART  
BRUSSELS, ARRIVE STUTTGART. BRIEFINGS RELATIVE TO  
LOCAL TACTICAL AND POLITICAL SITUATION AND FORCE  
BALANCES, ACCOMPANIED BY AND EMPHASIZING FIELD  
OBSERVATIONS. REQUEST OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE BORDER  
POINT AND GROUND FORCES AND, IF TIME PERMITS, VISIT  
AF INSTALLATION FOR TOUR OF FLIGHT LINE AND/OR  
BRIEFING. DEPART EVENING MARCH 30 FOR NAPLES.

D. MARCH 31, APRIL 1: NAPLES AREA. REQUEST

BRIEFINGS ON STRATEGIC, POLITICAL BALANCES IN MED  
REGION; MEETINGS WITH ADMIRALS TURNER AND TRAIN WITH  
SHORT Q/A; OBSERVATIONS OF FLEET ACTIVITIES INCLUDING  
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DAY/NIGHT OPERATIONS ABOARD CARRIER OR VISIT TO  
CARRIER UNDERWAY. POST STRESSES HIGH VALUE OF ACTIVE  
FLEET OBSERVATIONS AT TOUR CONCLUSION AS METHOD OF  
UNDERSCORING REALITY OF DEPLOYED FORCES DISCUSSED IN  
WEEK'S BRIEFINGS. REQUEST AFSOUTH TO COORDINATE ALL  
OF SOUTHERN PROGRAM, INCLUDING CARRIER VISIT.  
TENTATIVE RETURN TO STOCKHOLM PLANNED APRIL 2.

E. ALTHOUGH POST IS INCLINED TO PAY FOR  
COMMERCIAL FLIGHT TO ANY POINT IN MED AREA TO PICK UP  
COD FLIGHT TO CARRIER, PROVIDING VISIT CONFIRMED,  
REQUEST COST ESTIMATE FOR PLANNING UNDER POST'S PRESENT  
CLOSELY PROGRAMMED BUDGET.

F. TRIP COST, EXCLUSIVE OF ITEM GRAPH 5-E, AND  
ASSUMING STUTTGART IS STARTING POINT FOR BORDER  
OBSERVATION AND GROUND FORCES BRIEFINGS, IS ESTIMATED  
AT \$4,200 FOR FIVE PERSONS INCLUSIVE EXCURSION AIRFARE  
AND PER DIEM ROUTED STOCKHOLM-BRUSSELS-STUTTGART-NAPLES-  
STOCKHOLM. HOWEVER, REQUEST ADVICE OF ACTION  
ADDRESSEES WHETHER CITED ROUTING IS COMPATIBLE WITH  
REQUESTED PROGRAM. FURTHERMORE, REQUEST ADVICE OF  
ACTION ADDRESSEES WHETHER LOCAL TRANSPORT, EXCLUSIVE  
CITY TAXIES, CAN BE PROVIDED. POST WILL REQUEST ACTION  
ADDRESSEES TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS ONCE TOUR AND  
ITINERARY CONFIRMED.

7. REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEES PROVIDE NAME AND PHONE  
NUMBER OF PROJECT OFFICERS SOONEST. STOCKHOLM PROJECT  
OFFICER IO WOLCOTT, TEL 63-05-20, TELEX 12060.

8. FINALLY, POST SUGGESTS SWEDISH GROUP NOT BE MIXED  
WITH ANY NATO-COUNTRY TOUR GROUP, IF POSSIBLE, TO  
PROVIDE IMPORTANT PARTICIPANTS FEELING OF EXCLUSIVITY  
SIGNIFICANT IN SWEDISH MEDIA RELATIONSHIPS AND TO  
UNDERLINE UNIQUE SWEDISH POSITION VIS-A-VIS NATO  
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